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Sir:

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application as follows.

## In the Specification:

Page 1, line 2, insert the following paragraph.

This application claims the benefit of provisional application Serial Number 60/445,407, filed February 6, 2003, entitled "Novel JTAG Master for Support of Chip Level Self-Diagnostics", the complete disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.